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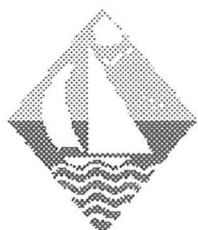
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News from the President

Elizabeth Harden



Since this is my final letter to you as president of WSURA, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our growth and progress during our second year as an organization. Throughout the year, our committees have been active in matters that pertain to WSURA's involvement with the university, community, and state. For example, the Planning Committee has made admirable progress in identifying our short- and long-range goals; the Grants Committee is considering a number of projects, including an Elderhostel; and the Recreation and Special Activities Committees are planning an attractive calendar of social/recreational events for the coming year.

Our monthly board meetings have featured speakers from six different university areas (AAUP, the WSU Foundation, International Programs, University Advancement, Stage Wright Friends, and the WSU Alumni Association) who explored ways in which we might work together in the future. We conducted a broad survey of WSU academic and non-academic units to ascertain benefits available to WSURA members, as well as volunteer possi-

bilities within the university. The information will be published in our forthcoming brochure. We were represented on some ten university committees or councils, participated in the "Christmas for Kids" project, sponsored our own Christmas open house and two Dutch-treat luncheons, and were represented at three other major university social functions. We repainted the office furniture, added a file cabinet, a coffee pot, and a clock, changed our newsletter format, and issued new WSURA ID cards. We invested in a \$2,000 CD at National City Bank, purchased PageMaker and FreeHand for our computer, and hired a new student assistant. Finally, we discovered from our OCHER representatives (who attend monthly state meetings in Columbus) that WSU has one of the most active retiree organizations in the state. Bravo!

Warmest thanks to **President Flack, Dr. Fislter, Dee Friconi, Rich Johnson, and Becky Sommer**—and to the many others—who have helped us throughout the year. If you are a retiree and have not yet joined WSURA, please do so at once. Call us, join us, and stay in touch! Have a great summer.

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News from Officers & Board Members

Ohio Council on Higher Education Retirees (OCHER)

Mary Stonecash, Chair

As we approach the anniversary of the beginning of WSURA, officers of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), have put together a booklet on OCHER's history which touches on OCHER's part in the start of WSURA. The booklet was presented for review at the March meeting.

OCHER had its first meeting in January, 1992, at Fawcett Center, Ohio State University, with six schools represented. Attending from Wright State were **Rich Johnson**, Employee Benefits Manager, **Nick Davis**, and **Mary Stonecash**. With advise from OCHER members and guidance from Rich Johnson, a meeting was called for all persons interest in a retirees' organization. After a survey of interests and the formation of committees to draft a constitution and prepare a slate of

officers for an election, WSURA was formed.

In the meantime, OCHER has expanded to include 11 of the 15 four-year state universities. Currently, a committee, including Nick Davis, is active in trying to establish chapters at the other four universities.

UCHER is dedicated to provide advocacy, leadership and representation for university retirees. Members provide information about the structure, degree of university support, and type of special programs at each organization. We also receive briefings from STRS and PERS representatives and from OCHER members on legislative matters. An ongoing project is the monitoring of a proposal to expand the STRS Board to include one higher education retirees.

Nick Davis and Mary Stonecash continue to represent WSURA. Meetings are held four times a year at the Fawcett Center.

Long-Range Planning Committee

Gary C. Barlow, Chair

A concentrated effort has been underway during the past year to delineate the future goals and aspirations of WSURA, as well as to coordinate our long-range plans with those of the university. Consequently, we have formulated (or are in the process of formulating) two documents: a short-range plan (Document #1) that covers the first five years of WSURA (1994-1999), and a long-range plan (Document #2) that meshes with the university study and document titled *Vision 2020*.

Document #1 presents the position statement of WSURA, followed by our governance structure, and other items such as our membership and dues, administrative and staff liaisons and publication effort. This document also identifies highlights of each of our first five formative years, then projects toward the future.

The formulation of Document #2 will take considerable time over the next year to identify specifics that will mesh into the long-range planning study that is underway by the university. WSURA is represented on the university committee that is moving this study forward, and we are involved in discussions relative to the pertinent topics being discussed by the university community. Some of these questions are:

1) What will the profile of faculty/staff be at WSU in 2020?

2) What critical skills will faculty/staff need to possess in 2020?

3) How will we deliver education in 2020?

4) In 2020 do you anticipate collaboration among departments or institutions in research and teaching?

5) In 2020 do you envisage a centralized or decentralized administration?

5-A) How will we be organized to meet the diverse needs of our student population?

5-B) What would be the ideal service operation (such as specialists in loans, financial aid, registration, and admissions, or generalists who can handle the majority of student needs)?

5-C) How do you envision the paperwork processing environment (the same as now or will the administration, faculty and staff be primarily on-line)?

6) What is the ideal student population size for 2020 and beyond?

7) Should we expand or downsize on-campus housing?

8) Should there be a continued effort to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the campus?

Over the next few months, we will address these (and other) issues, and make recommendations from the retirees' perspectives. Please forward any comments that you have relative to the future of Wright State University. Any, and all, comments are welcome. Please add any other issues that you care to address as well as the sampling of questions presented above. As other questions come to us from the WSU writing committee, we will pose these questions to you for your consideration in future issues of *The Extension*. We are interested in what you think WSU can, and should, become, and what you think about our progression toward these goals. Please let me hear from you; your responses are important to us, and will be included in our discussions as we move ahead in the formulation of our long-range goals for WSURA and Wright State University.

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weekends of July 13-14, July 20-21, and July 27-28. Ticket prices are \$17.25 for adults (compared to the normal \$28.95) and \$12.95 for children age 3 to 6 (or under 48 inches of height) and seniors who are age 60 and older. Discounts are also available through the Employee Benefits office for Sea World and other Anheuser-Busch theme parks and for Disney World and Disneyland through membership in Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club. Call Becky Sommer at 873-2566 or Rich Johnson at 873-2567 or stop in 243 Allyn Hall if you have questions, would like to buy Kings Island tickets, or would like to pick up the discount information.

Retiree Happenings

Clark E. Beck, P.E., was inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado during the United States Space Foundation's 12th National Space Symposium. Technologies originally developed by the government for space applications but which have been successfully transferred to commercial use are nominated for induction approved by a panel of distinguished science and engineering judges.

In the late 1950's Beck developed the "radiant barrier" technology while conducting elevated temperature structure tests in Wright Laboratories. It was needed to enable him to simulate re-entry temperatures on the surface of prototype structures planned for use in manned re-entry space vehicles. Dyna-Soar and ASSET were two such vehicles which he tested in the Wright Laboratories near Dayton, Ohio. He also tested a flexible "curtain" made of the material which could be drawn inside the cockpit windows of a fighter plane to protect the pilot and crew from the intense heat and light from a nuclear blast which had just been delivered.

The technology is now used as thermal insulation in homes, office building, automobiles, trucks, food transports and even as wrappers for food products.

Since 1988, the U.S. Space Foundation with NASA has inducted 22 technologies into the Space Technol-

ogy Hall of Fame to showcase the many commercially viable products spun-off from NASA research. In the past, technologies such as cordless tools, digital imaging, liquid cooled garments and fabric roof structures have been inducted.

Oris Amos, retiree, College of Education, 1988 has just completed her first year as president of the Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Delta Sigma Theta is an international sorority whose major thrust is community service. The Wilberforce Chapter has members from Springfield, Yellow Springs, Xenia, Wilberforce, Cincinnati, and Columbus. This past year the Wilberforce Chapter has given scholarships to high school students, collaborated with Salvation Army to help needy families, participated in a breast cancer awareness campaign, and worked with NAACP in voter registration projects. Members of the sorority have tutored in a head start program and in local churches.

Interesting TidBits

Sherwin J. Klein continues to be active in teaching at Arizona State University.

Bob Phobaben was mentioned as a master Bird Bander in the *Dayton Daily News*.

Dr. Leone Low won three awards on miniature Daffodil Seedlings at the American Daffodil Society's National show in Baltimore in April.

Reed and Marjorie Smith are now residing in State College, PA. Reed has been in and out of the hospital, but appears to be doing all right. Marjorie is taking piano lessons, and helps with the local environmental group. They love to hear from all of you, and wish you all their best.

Anne B. Shearer, '1993 retiree, University Division, sends greetings from their beautiful new R.V. resort home in Las Vegas, Nevada, where it has been warm and wonderful. They plan on starting home around mid March.

Rubin Battino, Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, and his wife **Charlotte**, have been on leave in the Department of Chemical and Process Engineering at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. They have toured the "Tongariro Crossing" in Tongariro National Park. They also did the "Grand Traverse" in the South Island in the Queenstown area. Rubin is teaching a course in topics in advanced thermodynamics to 4th year chemical engineering students. They plan on two more hiking trips before returning to Dayton area at the end of May. They send greetings to all.

Deceased WSU Retirees: On a sad note, we have learned of the following deceased retirees since the last issue of *The Extension*:

William H. Aue II, Kettering Center, was with WSU from September 13, 1982 through May 15, 1990; **Priscilla Bolds**, College of Education and Human Services, was with WSU from June 19, 1992 to August 31, 1995.

Grants Committee

Dr. Oris Amos, Chair

Meeting was held on April 23, 1996 in the WSURA's Office. **Clark Beck** reviewed Sinclair's "College for Seniors." Sinclair holds classes at 23 area senior citizen and community centers, and there are also campus classes. Courses include dance, introduction to computers, drawing, swimming, etc. Clark indicated that we may want to invite **Ellen Beck** who is in charge of Sinclair's program to meet with us to share information about the development of Sinclair's program. Our committee agreed that we should work together with Sinclair and University of Dayton if we develop a senior program and not be in competition with them.

Alice Singer reported on progress regarding Elderhostel. Bergamo is eager to have Elderhostel at its facility and will cooperate with us in keeping the housing and food at prices to meet Elderhostel's stringent rates.

Alice is keeping in touch with Lillie Howard to see if Continuing Education will direct the program in collaboration with WSURA.

The committee generated ideas about strands for Elderhostel. The group decided that aviation, cultural activities (art, drama, theatre) history, mobility (walking, movement, dance) would attract participants. The general theme might be: "CELEBRATING THE BUILDERS—PAST AND PRESENT." With this theme the diversity in the Miami Valley could be emphasized. We could look at the contribu-

tions of diverse people in the region including Caucasian, Native American, African American, etc.

Committee members present: Oris Amos, Clark Beck, Joyce Boitnott and Alice Swinger.

Committee Project:

Bringing Elderhostel to WSU

The Grants Committee, chaired by Oris Amos, continues work on their project to establish Elderhostel at Wright State University. The WSURA Board supports their endeavor as does the Ohio coordinator for Elderhostel. "It is not yet appropriate to publish details," reports **Alice Swinger** committee member, "but we expect the first session of Elderhostel at Wright State University to be offered in Fall, 1997." Other members of the committee are **Clark Beck**, **Joyce Boitnott**, and **Tom Rush**.

Elderhostel is a national, international organization dedicated to providing educational, cultural, service, and adventure programs for adults age 60 and over. These fine quality programs bring together interested individuals from all parts of the country. With its rich cultural heritage Dayton has much to offer and will likely attract many participants to its programs. With its positive forward orientation, Wright State University will offer fine programs celebrating the past, present, and future of the community and its residents. Watch for further announcements.

Budget Report

Tom Keller, Treasurer

As of the end of March, 1996 the account balance in our General Fund rotary was \$4,059.18. Expenses for the month were \$237.07, for supplies and telephone services. The major supply expense was for the Adobe PageMaker software, \$169.95.

As of the end of the month the account balance in our agency account was \$993.22. Expenses for the month were \$73.08 for travel (OCHER, \$66.95), copying, and postage. Income from memberships totaled \$60.00.

In addition to these two account balances WSURA has a \$2,000 CD at National City

yielding 5.3% in June, 1996. Our total balance of all funds is \$7,052.40.

As of the end of the month we had 136 active members, including 77 life members.

REMINDER: FY 96 is drawing to a close. That's my way of saying the annual membership fee for FY 97 will be due for those annual members who are renewing their memberships or for new members joining for the first time. Use the convenient membership form on the last page of this newsletter. If you have provided us with all the personal information in the past you may leave most of the form blank while completing only those fields you feel are pertinent for our records, such as a change of address.

Special Activities Committee

Lewis Shupe, Chair

The University retirees' picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, starting at 11:00 am. on the campus quadrangle. There is free food and you will have the opportunity to visit with colleagues and friends. At the picnic we will have a calendar of events for the next year, and you will also receive flyers throughout the year describing our upcoming activities. This annual social event is sponsored by the University Wellness and Recreation Committee. In the event of rain, the alternate date for the picnic will be Wednesday, June 26 at 11:00 am. If you need to retreat to an air-conditioned space during the picnic, the WSURA Office in 151 Allyn Hall will be open. You should plan to stop by, relax, have a cup of coffee and visit with other WSURA members.

Immediately following the picnic, at 1:30 pm., the annual meeting of the entire WSURA membership will be held in the Large Conference Room. At this meeting there will be an update of the progress in the development of WSURA and projections for further growth and activities. Your participation and input are important and we encourage you to attend. One of the WSURA projects is to compile historical memories of the university. During the meeting we would like to have the members reminisce about some of the 'early days' of the university. If you have any interesting memorabilia that you would like to include with this

historical retrospective, bring them with you because we are starting to collect these recollections.

The "Dutch Treat" luncheon at the Student Union on May 1 was successful and it was good to meet with fellow retirees and friends. We are planning to have monthly, informal luncheons for retirees to drop in, visit, and catch up on the news.

The Special Activities Committee is working diligently to identify and schedule projects and activities for WSURA. Examples of some of the planned events for the coming year include both local and out-of-state tours, recreational activities, luncheons, evenings at the theatre, WSURA night at sporting events, poetry readings and travelogues.

We want to start the procedure where members of WSURA act as sponsors (hosts, organizers of events) in planning activities. One of the first of these activities we would like to plan is a sharing of interesting places to where you have traveled. If you have a slide show or a travel video that you would like to present for the WSURA members, please let us know. We will help you plan for the activity. Let us know what you would like to do in helping to plan these activities.

As you can see, we have a lot of ideas and plans for the future. We encourage your participation, and you are encouraged to join us with your ideas and support.

Employee Benefits

Rich Johnson

Recognition for Outstanding Service: Becky Sommer, Senior Employee Benefits Specialist in the Department of Human Resources, received the President's Award for Excellence in Human Relations in a ceremony on Thursday, May 9. Congratulations, Becky!

Annual Picnic on the Quad: The fourth annual Picnic on the Quad is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th from 11 am to 1:30 pm on the Founders Quadrangle. The picnic is an opportunity for retirees and active employees to share some free food and fellowship. Join us to greet some of your old friends and to make some new friends. The rain date for the picnic is Wednesday, June 26th with the same time and location. After the picnic WSURA will hold its annual meeting at 1:30 pm in the Large Conference Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Recreational Opportunities Through WSU: If you would enjoy a day at Paramount's Kings Island, consider buying discounted tickets through the university's Employee Benefits Office for special WSU days at the park in Kings Mills, Ohio. Tickets will be available on July 1 for the

Membership

For those who have not renewed their membership or have not yet joined us, we strongly solicit your support. A membership form is enclosed for your convenience.


Interesting TidBits

Reed Smith—Political Science—writes that in addition to visiting family in Maryland and California in September, he and wife **Marjorie** took a two-week tour of Alaska—"seven days on land and seven days on the cruise from Seward to Vancouver. Beautiful country, fall colors, whales, and other wild life." Reed and Majorie plan to move to a retirement community (Foxdale Village, State College, PA) around mid-November, 1995. They send warm greetings.

Recognition for Outstanding Service: Our own **Richard Johnson**, department of Human Resources, WSURA Board Member (ex officio) received the President's Award for Excellence in Human Relations. Congratulations Rich!

Nutter Center Needs Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to serve in various capacities at events held at the E.J. Nutter Center. The Volunteer Corps will serve at WSU Men's basketball games. The long-term plan is to have WSU volunteers serve at all Nutter Center Events. Training will be provided. For additional information contact **Chris Wedge**, Assistant General Manager of the E.J. Nutter Center arena at 873-4672.

Deceased WSU Retirees: On a sad note, we have learned of the following deceased retirees since the last issue of *The Extension*: **Howard E. Bales**, Research Services, was with WSU from May 29, 1964 – Mar. 31, 1978; **John Frye**, Physical Plant, was with WSU from Sept. 25, 1972 – June 23, 1987 and **Elmer Hesse**, Information Resources Management, was with WSU from Sept. 1, 1983 – Dec. 31, 1991.

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- ☐ \$ 74.00 (60 – 64)
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- ☐ \$ 16.00 (70 & ABOVE)

ANNUAL DUES:

- ☐ \$ 8.00

NOTE: If you and your spouse are both retirees from WSU, use the age of the younger spouse for determining the Lifetime fee.

If you have paid the current annual fee and would like to become a Life Member, subtract the annual fee and remit the difference.